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WOMAN SENTENCED FOR TAKING DRUGS INTO THE FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Joseph H. Hogsett, United States Attorney, announced that Lucille G. Washington, 51, of Garfield Heights, Ohio, was sentenced to 13 months in prison today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following her guilty plea to introducing contraband, in this case, marijuana, into the Federal Correctional Complex Terre Haute when she visited inmate Michael G. Spigner. This case was the result of a investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

On August 7, 2010, Washington, visited Spigner at the FCC-Terre Haute. She arrived at approximately 2:20 p.m. and informed him that she was in possession of "weed" that she was going to pass to him during the visitation. Washington placed several balloons that were filled with marijuana inside of a bag that contained an apple pie, and then passed the bag and the apple pie to Spigner. Spigner ingested four of the balloons prior to being interrupted by correctional staff.

Washington was remanded into custody today after failing to appear for a prior sentencing date. Upon release from prison Washington will be monitored under a supervised release program for an additional three years. Assistant U. S. Attorney James M. Warden, who prosecuted the case for the government, said, "controlled substances are a scourge within federal correctional institutions as they inappropriately empower the inmates who possess them."

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